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Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Offers Online Video of En Banc Proceedings

SAN FRANCISCO – Video recordings of two cases argued earlier this year before special *en banc* courts of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit are now available for online viewing at the court's website: www.ca9.uscourts.gov/media.

En banc courts, which consist of 11 judges rather than the normal three-judge appellate panel, are used to resolve intra-circuit case conflicts and legal questions deemed by the court to be of exceptional importance. Less than 20 cases per year typically receive *en banc* review.

The two cases, which were heard March 23-24, 2010, at the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse in San Francisco, are:

Chapman v. Pier 1 Imports, 07-16326

Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc., appeals the summary judgement of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California in an action brought against Pier 1 Imports pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Cassirer v. Kingdom of Spain, 06-56325

An appeal of a ruling by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California denying motions to dismiss an action seeking to recover from a Spanish museum a painting allegedly taken in 1939 in violation of international law by an agent of the government of Nazi Germany.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals hears appeals of cases decided by executive branch agencies and federal trial courts in nine western states and two Pacific Island jurisdictions. The court normally meets monthly in Seattle, Washington, San Francisco, California, and Pasadena, California; every other month in Portland, Oregon; three times per year in Honolulu, Hawaii; and once a year in Anchorage, Alaska. A complete schedule of cases is available online at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov>.

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